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1. COPIES OF BLUMENTHAL LETTER HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO AUSTRIAN IMF AND IBRD GOVERNORS, AS WELL AS TO OFFICIALS IN FINANCE MINISTRY AND FONOFF CONCERNED WITH ISSUE, AND ECONCOUNS DISCUSSED REFTEL POINTS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN FINANCE MINISTRY WHO IS PREPARING GOA POSITION. GOA OFFICIAL (WHO NOTED PRESSURES FROM IMF AND IBRD LEADERSHIP ON SALARY ISSUE) SAID GOA SHARED SOME-BUT NOT ALL-USG VIEWS ON ISSUE, BUT WAS EVEN MORE CONCERNED THAT SALARY QUESTIONS IN THE IFI'S ARE BEING DEALT WITH ON AN AD HOC BASIS WHEN THERE SHOULD BE A COMMON POLICY BASED ON AGREED STANDARDS FOR REMUNER-ATION. HE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE JOINT REPORT TO BE THE BASIS FOR SUCH A POLICY. ACCORDINGLY, GOA POSITION WILL CALL FOR POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON SALARY QUESTIONS PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF ISSUE AND ESPECIALLY OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SALARIES OF ED'S AND SENIOR IFI STAFF POSITIONS.

2. THIS POSITION MUST BE APPROVED BY FINANCE MINISTER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH PRESENTS A PROBLEM SINCE MINISTER IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE AUSTRIA TONIGHT FOR AT LEAST A WEEK. MEEHAN

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